

CLAIMS

1. In a fishing reel having a spool and a drag mechanism having a drag washer therein, the improvement comprising:

a drag cover means to cover said drag mechanism; and

- 5 locking means engaging said drag cover means and said drag washer to lock said drag washer in position within said reel.

2. The reel of Claim 1 wherein the drag cover means comprises a drag cover in threaded engagement with the spool.

3. The reel of Claim 2 wherein the drag washer has at least one notch and the drag cover means
10 has a spring-biased pin means therein for engagement with said notch.

4. The reel of Claim 3 further comprising a retraction means engaging said spring-biased pin means to provide a means for retracting said pin means from said notch.

5. The reel of Claim 4 wherein the retraction means comprises a clip; and said drag cover has two surfaces, one for engaging said clip when said pin means engages said notch and one for
15 engaging said clip when said pin means is retracted from said notch.